

# INDIANA CRIMINAL JUSTICE INSTITUTE

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH EFFORTS

January 2007

***January 23, 2007 — Indiana Civil Rights Commission Education Steering Committee:***

The Education Steering Committee reconvened to review its last meeting held in September 2006 and to move forward with its efforts to provide Indiana students with a fair education despite ones color, race, ethnicity, economic background and/or diagnosed disability. The Indiana Public Schools will be implementing a cultural competency audit for its schools to ensure that school environment including signs, teachers personal opinions and biases are not inappropriately transferred to the students. The Cultural Competency Strategic Plan will require time, community partnerships, and the vested interested of the parents.

***January 24, 2007 — State of Our Black Youth, Indianapolis Committee:***

The sub-committee continues to seek funding for tool kits and duplication of DVD. Meeting is to be set with Tanasha Anders of Indiana Black Expo to provide summary of efforts, direction of group, and request assistance for video operations. Educational materials to be included in toolkit will be defined so suppliers can set aside a respectable number of each document. Toolkit bags are being requested from entities which share the common interest of the group. ICJI staff will be drafting a cover letter encompassing all stakeholders which will be sent to dissemination sites. Roll out date for project is still not set. Talks have been aimed for July 2007.

***January 25, 2007 — Indiana Disproportionality Committee Research Sub-committee:***

The research sub-committee is trying to establish communication with colleges throughout the state to recruit tenure staff to conduct needed research. Colleges from each region are being identified and approached with the opportunity to work in conjunction with the research sub-committee. Next steps for the committee will be to update all statistical information on the slides used for focus groups.

***January 30, 2007 — Indiana Disproportionality Committee Public Policy Sub-committee:***

The public policy sub-committee has been working diligently to advocate for a hearing of HB 1194. HB 1194 is for a Commission of Disproportionality. ICJI's role has been to provide supportive information to illustrate that there is a disproportion of children of color in the four major systems to requested parties. The sub-committee has also obtained a copy of the DMC list-serve, which will allow them to contact committee members on as needed basis.

***January 30, 2007 — Indiana Disproportionality Committee Community Awareness Sub-committee:***

Branding the Indiana Disproportionality Committee has been the main focus of this committee. With numerous documents and items being released for information gathering and sharing the sub-committee prioritized brainstorming logos and creating letterhead. Stationary will be introduced at the large committee meeting set for February so items may be voted on. Next steps for the committee include revising the brochure to encompass all four disciplines and looking at the website.

### Upcoming Events

***February 5, 2007: Children Our Best Investment (COBI)...*** All day event

***February 8, 2007: Juvenile Detention Association Initiative (JDAI) ...*** JDAI Training at 1pm at Juvenile Detention Center.

***February 12, 2007: DMC Representative and Community Centers of Indiana Representative:*** Mental Health

***February 13, 2007: Indiana Juvenile Detention Association*** at 10am at Indiana Youth Institute

***February 14, 2007: Indiana Disproportionality Committee*** (Large) Meeting at 1pm at IFCAA

***February 16, 2007: Indiana Disproportionality Committee Training Sub-Committee*** at 10am at NOAH

***February 28, 2007: State of Our Black Youth*** at 10am at Wishard

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